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Georgia Conference, M. P. CHURCH,

Seventy-Sixth Session,

HELD AT

JERSEY, GEORGIA.

November 16-19, 1905.



REV. J. A. MCGARITY, President.

J. J. BARGE, Secretary.

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2. Religious Exercises.
3. Roll Call.
4. Reading Minutes.
5. Enrollment of Members.
6. Election of Officers and Committees.
7. Report Committees.
8. Introduction of Memorials, Papers, etc.
9. Incidental Business.
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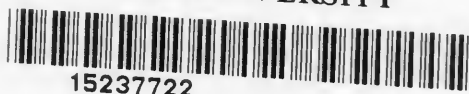
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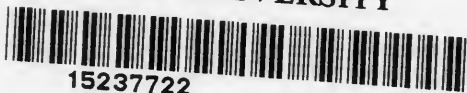
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MEMBERSHIP ROLL.

Admitted.	Address.
1858 G. W. Morris.....	Conley.....Georgia.
1861. T. J. Biggers.....	Buchanan R. F. D. No. 1.
1861. J. O. A. Radford.....	Monroe....."
1868 R. S. McGarity.....	Jefferson....."
1872 J. A. McGarity.....	Jersey....."
1872. W. J. Causey.....	Victory....."
1877 H. C. Jordan.....	Gore....."
1883. A. Mauldin.....	Waco....."
1884. S. M. Garrett.....	W. Peachtree and 14 th. st. Atlanta Ga.
1890. J. C. Patrick.....	Hampton....."
1891. J. Mc D. Radford.....	Carrollton....."
1892 W. P. Bryan.....	Newnan....."
1895 A. G. Upshaw.....	Stockbridge....."
1899. E. B. Aycock.....	Victory....."
1899 L. C. Wilkerson.....	Georgetown....."
D. H. Mobley.....	San-field, Ga., R. F. D. No. 15.
1903. J. R. Anderson.....	Cuthbert....."
N. W. Wortham.....	High Shoals....."
1903. C. B. McDaniel.....	Atlanta, R. F. D. No. 72.
1904 John D. Keith.....	Conley....."
J. B. Earnest.....	Carrollton, R. F. D. No. 7
T. J. Whitehead.....	Temple....."
T. J. Pearce.....	Huckabee....."
J. W. Phillipp.....	Springvale....."
E. B. Doster.....	Winder Ga, R. F. D. No. 23

Laymen.

Atlanta Mission—J. H. Stamps, Decatur, Ga., R. F. D. No. 3
Bowdon Circuit—N. A. Horton, Carrollton, Ga.; R. W. Adamson,
Carrollton, Ga.,
Cedar Grove Station—H. D. Moore, Conley, Ga.; J. S. Owens,
Decatur, Ga., R. F. D.
Columbus Circuit—Henry Gorham, Columbus, Ga.,
DeKalb Circuit—G. W. Riley, Ellenwood, Ga., R. F. D. No. 2
Gordon Circuit—
Harmony Mission—G. W. Hall.
Jackson Circuit—W. D. Wall, Statham, Ga.,
Jersey Circuit—A. F. Pennington, Starsville, Ga., R. F. D.
; E. T. Harris, Jersey, Ga., R. F. D.,
Laurel Branch—Circuit—C. H. Cooper, Ivey, Ga., R. F. D. No 1,
box 28.
Newnan Circuit—
Owl Rock Circuit—J. J. Campbell, Atlanta, Ga., R. F. D. No. 10;
I. H. Simpson, Ellenwood, Ga., R. F. D. No. 2
Pleasant Grove Mission—B. T. McGarity, Rockmark, Ga., R. F. D.
No, 3

Pomona Mission—J. P. Buchanan, Pomona, Ga.,
 Randolph Circuit—H. C. Marshall, Cuthbert, Ga., R. F. D. No. 4
 Riverdale Circuit—H. C. Riley, McDonough, Ga., R. F. D. No. 3;
 J. H. White, Fairburn, Ga., R. F. D. No. 1
 Rome Circuit—
 Waco Circuit—E. F. Garrett, Waco, Ga.,
 Walton Circuit—H. T. Chich, Monroe, Ga., R. F. D. No. 5
 Tallapoosa Circuit—J. S. Garner.

Officers.

Rev. J. A. McGARITY, President.
 J. J. BARGE, Secretary.
 REV. J. McD Radford, Steward.

Faculty of Instruction.

Rev. J. McD. Radford, Rev. R. S. McGarity, Rev. W. J. Causey.

Board of Church Extension.

Rev. R. S. McGarity, Rev. J. A. McGarity, Rev. C. B. McDaniel,
 J. R. Radford, J. J. Barge.

Committees.

Standing District—Rev. R. S. McGarity, Rev. J. O. A. Radford,
 Rev. W. J. Causey, B. T. McGarity, A. J. Conckle, H. T. Masters
 Boundary—Rev. J. McD. Radford, Rev. R. S. McGarity, E. F.
 Garrett, H. D. Moore, N. A. Horton.

Stationing—Rev. J. O. A. Radford, Rev. C. B. McDaniel, Rev.
 J. C. Patrick, B. T. McGarity, J. J. Campbell.

Pulpit Service—Rev. C. B. McDaniel, J. G. Smith, J. L. McGarity.

Credentials—Rev. J. C. Patrick, R. W. Adamson, C. H. Cooper.

Temperance—Rev. J. R. Anderson, Rev. T. J. Biggers, C. H.
 Cooper, H. T. Chich.

General Interests and Finance—Rev. J. McD. Radford, Rev.
 T. J. Perace, H. D. Moore.

Official Reports, Statistics and Auditing—Rev. C. B. McDaniel,
 B. T. McGarity, E. F. Garrett, J. L. McGarity.

Orders and Itinerancy—Rev. J. McD. Radford, Rev. John D.
 Keith, Rev. R. S. McGarity, R. W. Adamson, B. T. McGarity.

Official Character—Rev. J. D. Keith, Rev. R. S. McGarity, Rev.
 E. B. Aycock, N. A. Horton, H. D. Moore.

Journals—Rev. S. M. Garrett, Rev. J. O. A. Radford, A. F.
 Pennington, J. S. Owens.

Publishing—J. J. Barge.

PROCEEDINGS SYNOPTICAL.

Thursday, November 16th, 1905, 10:30 a. m.

Conference called to order by President J. A. McGarity. Religious exercises by Rev. C. B. McDaniel.

11 a. m.—Preaching by Rev. J. McD. Radford, D. D.

1 p. m.—Roll called and names of members enrolled.

President appointed Rev. J. C. Patrick, R. W. Adamson and C. H. Cooper on credentials committee.

On motion, 10 o'clock Friday morning was made the order of the day for the election of the officers of the Conference.

The conference entered into the election of Boundary and Stationing Committees. President appointed Rev. S. M. Garrett, Rev. J. R. Anderson and H. T. Chick as tellers. The election resulted as follows: (see Boundary and Stationing Committee.)

Before the election of the two previous committees, a partial report of the Committee on Credentials was made, which showed all enrolled by the Secretary, and who were present, were duly elected and entitled to seats in the conference.

Bar of the Conference fixed and members invited within.

Professor C. E. Forlines, of Westminster Theological Seminary, was introduced and invited to an honorary seat within the bar of the Conference.

Bros. E. B. Doster, W. D. Oliver, W. G. Masters, and J. I. J. Bell were invited to honorary seats within the bar of the Conference.

President appointed Committee on Pulpit Service. (See Committee.)

President appointed Committee on Official Character. (See Committee.)

On motion, hours of conference were fixed at 8:30 to 11 a. m. and 1 to 4 p. m., and a session of one hour in the evening immediately after religious services.

On motion, it was ordered that the ballot of the conference be cast for the old Board of Church Extension, with the exception of the substitution of Rev. C. B. McDaniel for Rev. W. J. Causey. The change was made at the special request of Bro. Causey on account of continued ill health.

The matter of a traveling president was taken up and was under consideration when the hour of adjournment arrived.

7 p. m.—Preaching by Rev. John D. Keith.

8 p. m.—Consideration of traveling president continued, and was under consideration when the conference adjourned.

November 17th.

8:30 a. m.—Religious exercises conducted by Rev. T. J. Pearce. Minutes of yesterday read and adopted. On motion, Bros. Frank Blasingame and J. L. McGarity were invited to honorary seats on the floor of the Conference.

Communication from Rev. W. J. Causey read and referred.

Letter from Rev. E. C. Jordon read and referred.

Letter from Mrs. George Speidel, President Woman's Home Missionary Society, read and referred.

Communication from Rev. A. G. Upshaw read and referred.

Committee on Pulpit Service announced that Rev. J. C. Berrien, D. D., Secretary Board of Ministerial Education, would ad-

dress the Conference at 11 o'clock to-day.

The question of a traveling president considered, and it was unanimously determined that the President do travel for at least four months during the coming Conference year.

On motion, the president was directed to appoint a committee of three to consider the details and report a plan for the assistance of the president in his travels. President appointed on this committee, Rev. T. J. Pearce, Rev. R. S. McGarity and N. A. Horton.

The order of the day having arrived, the election of officers was entered upon.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to cast the ballot of the conference for Rev. J. A. McGarity for President.

On motion, Rev. J. McD. Radford was directed to cast the ballot of the conference for J. J. Barge for Secretary.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to cast the ballot of the conference for Rev. J. McD. Radford for Conference Steward.

The ballots were cast as directed and the results declared.

President appointed committee on Orders and Itinerancy. (See Committee.)

Application of Lloyd Marlin to become a member of this Conference referred to committee on Orders and Itinerancy.

11 a. m.—Rev. J. C. Berrier, D.D., Secretary Board of Ministerial Education, addressed the Conference on the interests he so faithfully and efficiently represents.

1 p. m.—President appointed committees on General Interests and Finance, Official Reports and Statistics and Auditing, Temperance, Journals and Publishing. (See Committees.)

Report of committee on Official Character received and adopted. (See report.)

President made his report, which was received and adopted and ordered printed in the Minutes.

Communication from Hon. W. C. Adamson, Commissioner on Church Union from the Georgia District, received and disposed of by the adoption of the following resolution: Resolved, That this Conference concur in the opinions expressed in the letter of its Commissioner, Hon. W. C. Adamson, and that his letter be published in both our church papers and in the Minutes.

Conference adjourned until evening for committee work.

Rev. John D. Keith and J. J. Barge were elected members of the Board of Visitors of Westminster Theological Seminary.

Report from Rev. J. E. Sampley received and referred.

Communication from members of Pearce's Chapel received and referred to Boundary Committee.

Communication from Rev. George R. Brown, D. D., received, read and, on motion, the president was requested to answer in behalf of the Conference.

Report of Committee on Orders and Itinerancy received and adopted. (See report.)

Leaves of absence granted Rev. L. C. Wilkerson and H. C. Marshall for the balance of the session.

November 18th, 1905.

Religious exercises conducted by Rev. J. R. Anderson.

Roll called and minutes of yesterday read and after reconsidering and recommitting the report of the Committee on Orders and Itinerancy were adopted.

Leaves of absence were granted to Revs. T. J. Biggers and T. J. Pearce for the remainder of the session.

The committee on the Henderson Monument Fund, after reporting, was re-elected and continued.

The Secretary was directed to cast the ballot of the Conference for the old Standing District Committee for re-election. The ballot was so cast and the result declared. (See Committee.)

Report of Committee on General Interests received and adopted. (See report.)

Rev. J. C. Berrien, D.D., Secretary Board Ministerial Education, was granted an honorary seat on the floor of the Conference. Dr. Berrien responded in a very felicitous and helpful address, in which he bore the fraternal greetings of the Alabama, Texas and Central Texas Conferences to this Conference. President McGarity replied very feelingly for the Georgia conference and asked Dr. Berrien and Prof. Forlines to bear to the North Carolina and other Conferences where they may visit the Christian greetings and fraternal good-cheer of this Conference.

Report of Committee on Journals received and adopted. (See report.)

11 a. m.—Preaching by Rev. R. S. McGarity.

Afternoon.

Rev. D. F. C. Timmons, of the M. E. Church, South, and Rev. T. E. McCutcheons, of the Baptist Church, were invited to honorary seats on the floor of the Conference.

Report of Committee on Statistics received and adopted. (See report.)

Leave granted to Rev. D. H. Mobley for the remainder of the session.

Leave of absence granted to I. H. Simpson for the remainder of the session.

Report of Committee on Temperance received and adopted. (See report.)

Report of Boundary Committee received, considered seriatim and adopted. (See report.)

7 p. m.—Preaching by Rev. C. E. Forlines.

Treasurer Board of Church Extension made his report. Report adopted. (See report.)

Committee on work of President reported. Report adopted. (See report.)

Report of Conference Steward received and adopted. (See report.)

The Conference accepted the invitation from Owl Rock to hold its next annual session with that church on November the 15th, 1906.

Resolution of thanks offered and adopted by a rising vote. (See resolution.)

Report of Stationing Committee received, considered seriatim and adopted. (See report.)

The president appointed Rev. J. D. Keith, Rev. S. M. Garrett and Rev. R. S. McGarity to attend the annual encampment at Union Campground, beginning Friday evening, Aug. 24th, 1906.

On motion, it was ordered that the Publishing Committee be paid fifteen dollars for services.

Rev. J. D. Keith was appointed to preach the Conference ser-

mon at the next annual session.

Resolution offered and unanimously adopted proffering the support of the Conference to the establishment of a church in the City of Atlanta. (See resolution.)

Revs. J. McD. Radford, J. D. Keith and S. M. Garrett were elected as a committee to act in conjunction with the Board of Church Extension in its efforts to build in Atlanta.

Minutes read and approved after that item of the report of the Boundary Committee referring to the Owl Rock Circuit had been reconsidered and amended by striking Clifton therefrom and making it a mission and Owl Rock a Station. And that item of the report of the Stationing Committee referring to Clifton had been reconsidered and amended so as to leave Clifton Mission unsupplied.

Sunday, November 19th, 1905.

11 a. m.—Preaching at Methodist Protestant Church by Rev. J. C. Berrien, D.D., and at the Baptist church by Rev. J. D. Keith.

2:30 p. m.—Religious services at which the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered.

J. A. McGARITY, President.

J. J. BARGE, Secretary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

BOUNDARY.

Atlanta Mission—Mitchell's Chapel.

Bowden Circuit—Bowden, Carrollton.

Cedar Grove Circuit—Cedar Grove, Anvil Block, Kelley's Chapel, Mt. Zion.

Clifton Mission—Clifton.

Columbus Circuit—Pearce's Chapel, Justus' Chapel.

Constitution Mission—New Hope.

Harmony Mission—Harmony.

Jackson Circuit—Pentecost, Nazareth, Pleasant Hill, Pleasant Grove, Ross' Chapel, as a Mission.

Jersey Circuit—Brown's Chapel, Alcova, Newton Factory, Austin's Chapel.

Laurel Branch Circuit—Laurel Branch, Union Hill.

Newnan Circuit—Brooks' Station, Lee's Chapel, Oak Grove, Mt. Zion.

Owl Rock Station—Owl Rock.

Pleasant Grove Mission—Pleasant Grove.

Pomona Mission—Pomona.

Randolph Circuit—Sharon, Trinity, Elmo, Mt. Harmony.

Riverdale Circuit—Mt. Carmel, Poplar Springs, Hopewell, Stockbridge.

Rome Circuit—Montgomery Chapel, Heywood, Reeves' Station.

Waco Circuit—Waco, Union, Smith's Chapel, Newhope, Victory.

Walton Circuit—Union Chapel, Mt. Carmel, Newhope.

Tallapoosa Circuit—Mt. Carmel, Union Grove, Mandeville.

Rock Springs, Harmony Grove.

Report of Stationing Committee.

President, to travel District—J. A. McGarity.
Atlanta Mission—to be supplied.
Bowdon Circuit—J. McD. Radford, pastor.
Cedar Grove Circuit—J. D. Keith, pastor.
Clifton Mission—To be supplied.
Columbus Circuit—T. J. Pearce, pastor; Loyd Marlin, associate.
Constitution Mission—To be supplied.
Harmony Mission—To be supplied.
Jackson Circuit—R. S. McGarity, pastor; E. B. Doster, associate.
Jenney City—C. B. McDaniel, supply; J. O. A. Radford, associate.
Laurel Branch Circuit—S. M. Garrett, supply; J. B. Earnest, associate.
Newman Circuit—To be supplied.
Old Rock Station—C. B. McDaniel, pastor.
Pleasant Grove Mission—To be supplied; T. J. Biggers, associate.
Pomona Mission—To be supplied.
Randolph Circuit—J. R. Anderson, pastor; J. W. Phillips, associate.
Riverdale Circuit—J. C. Patrick, pastor; A. G. Upshaw, associate.
Rome Circuit—E. C. Jordan, pastor.
Waco Circuit—E. B. Aycock, pastor; W. J. Causey, associate.
Walton Circuit—S. M. Garrett, pastor.
Walla Walla Circuit—T. J. Whitehead, pastor.
Left in hands of President—A. Mauldin, B. H. Mobley, W. P. Bryant, N. W. Wortham, L. C. Wilkerson.
G. W. Morris, superannuate.

JOURNALS.

Our Committee on Journals, beg to report that we have examined the Journal of the Annual Conference and find it neatly and correctly kept. Also, we have examined the Quarterly Conference register of the Bowdon and Waco circuits and of Pomona Mission: found Bowdon register neatly and correctly kept, and the registers of Waco Circuit and Pomona Mission correctly kept.

S. M. GARRETT, Chairman.

TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to submit the following report:

Resolved, That the Methodist Protestant Church reiterates its well established position for temperance, and that it now pledges itself to continue its efforts to reclaim from the grasp of strong drink those who have fallen into its clutches.

Resolved, further, that the use of domestic wines is having a dangerous effect upon our younger generation and that we recommend that every pastor earnestly insist upon the total abstinence of its use in the homes of our people.

J. R. ANDERSON, Chairman.

GENERAL INTERESTS.

Committee on General Interests, beg to submit the following

apportionment:

Home Missions, .10; Foreign Missions, .10; Ministerial Education, .10; Westminster Seminary, .10; Church Extension, .30; Conference, .05; making a total of .75.

We recommend the continued use of the card system.

We further urge that the pastors do all that they can to put our church papers into the homes and our Sunday-school literature into every one of our Sunday-schools.

J. McD. RADFORD, Chairman.

OFFICIAL CHARACTER.

We, your Committee on Official Character, submit the following:

We recommend the passage of the characters of G. W. Morris, T. J. Biggers, J. O. A. Radford, J. A. McGarity, W. J. Causey, E. C. Jordon, A. Mauldin, S. M. Garrett, J. C. Patrick, J. McD. Radford, W. P. Bryant, A. G. Upshaw, L. C. Wilkerson, D. H. Mobley, J. R. Anderson, N. W. Wortham, C. B. McDaniel, J. W. Phillips, J. E. Sampley, and that the characters of J. B. Earnest, T. J. Whitehead and T. J. Pearce be passed and that their license be renewed.

JOHN D. KEITH, Chairman.

NOTE.—The characters of John D. Keith, R. S. McGarity and J. McD. Radford were passed by the conference before entering upon their duties as members of this Committee.—SECRETARY.

ORDERS AND ITINERANCY.

Your Committee on Orders and Itinerancy, respectfully submit the following as the report of this Committee.

Your Committee agrees to recommend a renewal of the special license of Bros. T. J. Whitehead and J. B. Earnest with the proviso that they be required to pass satisfactory examinations at next session.

Your committee recommend that Bro. Lloyd Marlin, a local preacher on Riverdale circuit, be recommended to the stationing authority of this Conference.

Upon the declaration of Bro. T. J. Pearce, that he contemplated asking ordination at the end of the ensuing Conference year, and in view of the fact that he does contemplate ordination at the next session of this body, your Committee recommends that the special license of Bro. Pearce be renewed until the next session of this body.

Your Committee declines to act upon the application of Bro. J. P. Buchanan for special license, and recommend that he continue under Quarterly Conference.

Upon Bro. E. B. Doster coming before your Committee and undergoing a satisfactory examination, your Committee declares him fit for a special license and recommends that the same be granted him for one year, and that he be placed under stationing authority.

J. McD. RADFORD, Chairman.

STATISTICS.

We your Committee on Statistics desire to make the following report:

Your Committee has examined the Conference Steward's book and found it neatly and correctly kept.

We have examined the reports of the pastors of the several circuits and find that some are neatly and correctly kept, while a large number show seemingly an unpardonable carelessness that ought not to be. Brethren, the reports are simple and any one of you can make them out correctly if you try.

We are proud to note that there is a gain of over 100 per cent. in the contributions of our Conference. Nevertheless, some of the reports show no collection for many of the local and general interests.

C. B. McDANIEL, B. T. MCGARITY, E. F. GARRETT, J. L. MCGARITY, Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WORK OF PRESIDENT.

Your Committee on the work of the President of the Georgia Annual Conference for the Conference year of 1906.

1st. Would humbly recommend that this Conference entrust all this work of travel to the good judgment of our worthy President, allowing him to go where and when the Lord may direct, by His Holy Spirit, with the co-operation of the pastors and people of the Georgia conference.

2nd. And that each field of work visited by him will see that he be fully compensated for said work by the people and church.

3rd.—We your Committee join with this Conference in praying Heaven's richest blessings on him in his work.

R. S. MCGARITY, Chairman.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

We have in Bank of Monroe, Ga. \$57.38

Cash on hand 116.20

Total on hand \$173.58

Loaned to Carrollton Church \$596.00.

R. S. MCGARITY, T. B. C. E.

CREDENTIALS.

We the Committee on Credentials have examined the certificates of election of the following delegates and find them correct. (See membership roll.)

J. C. PATRICK, Chairman.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE STEWARD.

All money collected has been disbursed as directed. The Steward's Books and Vouchers are respectfully submitted herewith for inspection and audit.

J. McD. RADFORD, Conf. Steward.

November 18th, 1905.

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J. J. BARGIE.

P. S.—I wish to ask the charitable indulgence of my brethren for the long delay in the publication of the minutes, but on account of my own physical condition and the fact that there was a printers' strike ordered for the first of the year, I could not finish the work done earlier.

J. J. B.

Minutes Seventy-Sixth Session BY-LAWS.

Georgia District—Synoptical.

1. No layman shall sit as a member of the annual conference until regularly enrolled, or until he has given satisfactory evidence of his election. Where alternates are elected, the certificates of the quarterly conference shall so express it.

2. Lay delegates to the annual conference shall be the constitutional voters in the circuits and stations as follows: (a) Pastors shall notify Churches at next appointment, the election of delegates to annual conference will take place in each Church. (b) Pastor and class-leaders shall superintend election, but in case of absence of one or both the Church shall appoint some person or persons to superintend election by receiving the tickets of all the voters. Such person shall then count seal and transmit a full list of names of names of voters, and number of votes given to each person voted for, by some one appointed by the Church to the next quarterly conference. These returns shall be opened in conference, counted by the chairman and secretary, assisted by two laymen. The person or persons having the highest number of votes shall be declared duly elected, and furnished with certificates accordingly.

In case of a tie, the numbers of quarterly conference shall decide election by a majority of votes.

(c) Eligibility to vote for trustees, only members of twenty-one years of age. For all other officers, all members.

To hold office, trustees, men twenty-one years of age, women sole femme.

Delegates to annual conference, men twenty-one years of age.

Class leaders and Church stewards, all members twenty-one years old

Sabbath School Superintendents, all members sixteen years old

(d) Each pastor shall forward certificate of election of lay delegates to secretary of annual conference, who shall make from same, roll or lay members.

3. The conference shall never appoint any man to itinerate unless he expresses himself willing to labor in that capacity.

4. Each pastor shall urge upon all members the necessity of studying our discipline and reading the Church official organs.

5. No preacher or minister shall be elected to elder's orders who dissents from any of the fundamental doctrines or ordinances of our Church as set forth in our articles of religion, or who has not strictly complied with the discipline.

6. When practicable the ordination of our ministers shall take place on Sabbath during the session of conference.

7. The second articles of the constitution, and the last clause of the first section of the detail discipline, shall be understood to apply to seeker of religion only and each Church may admit to full membership persons applying on profession of their faith in Christ and knowledge of their sins forgiven.

8. The president shall have no power, during the recess of conference, to appoint any minister or preacher to a circuit or station without consulting said circuit or station or its authorities.

9. A quorum shall be a majority of all members present.

10. The secretary shall furnish to each minister in the district the following blanks, three months before the assembling of the annual conference: On statistics, on Finances, on Official Character.

11. Each minister shall fill above blanks and statistics and present the same as his report to the committee on official character.

12. At the assembling of the annual conference, the president shall appoint a committee of five, styled the committee on official character, to whom shall be submitted that part of the pastor's report, concerning discharge of pastoral duties, and this committee, as soon as possible, render its report to the conference.

13. In the case of death of our ministers, committee on public services, at succeeding annual conference, shall appoint an hour during the that session for memorial services.

14. It shall be the duty of the board of stewards to organize immediately after elected, and organize by electing a chairman, secretary and treasurer; to solicit receive and expend all funds coming regularly into their hands, and to keep a full complete and accurate register of all their proceedings, receipts and expenditures.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are hereby tendered to our beloved President, Rev. J. A. McGarity, for his faithful performance of the duties of his office, and his marked kindness and consideration in presiding over this session.

That we are grateful to our beloved Secretary, Bro. J. J. Barge, for his able and efficient service as Secretary of this body.

That we tender to Brown's Chapel and the other good people of this community our hearty thanks for the marked kindness and unexcelled hospitality to this Conference during its entire sitting. May the rich blessings of our Father ever rest upon them.

That these resolutions be spread upon our minutes, and read at the 11 o'clock service Sunday.

J. McD. RADFORD, Movant.

Resolved: That the Georgia Conference proffer its support and urge the Board of Church Extension to immediate action in erecting a church in the city of Atlanta.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

To the Seventy-sixth Annual Conference of the Georgia District, Methodist Protestant Church.

Dear Brethren: Through the great mercies of our Heavenly Father, we are permitted to meet in another Annual Conference. To Him let us give glory for all the success that has crowned our labors, sympathizing one with the other in the sorrows that have fallen to our lot. Let us earnestly seek the Divine guidance in all our plans and work, that we may be more aggressive in our Master's vineyard—and being abundantly filled with the Holy Spirit throughout the entire session of this Conference, making this the beginning of a new era of bright history in our church.

It is now my duty to give an account of my stewardship intrusted to me as your executive officer. I went to work at once after the adjournment of our last annual session to find pastors for the unsupplied circuits and at an early date succeeded in supplying the following charges: Jersey Circuit with Bro. C. B. McDaniel; Laurel Branch with Bro. S. M. Garrett; DeKalb Circuit with Bro. J. C. Patrick; Tallapoosa Circuit with Bro. T. J. Whitehead. After repeated efforts, I failed to supply the Gordon and Rome Charges. Owing to the confusion that surrounded Constitution Mission, I failed to get it supplied.

My travels through the District have been limited, owing to the claims of my own charge. I made two visits to the Riverdale Circuit, one to the Jackson Circuit; also one to our church at Columbus and Sharon church in South West Georgia. I was on hand at our Camp-Meeting. The various pastors I found standing faithfully at their posts.

On October 26th I called a meeting of the Board of Church Extension in the city of Atlanta, with several ministers and laymen, to consider some vital questions connected with our church work, a minute of which will be before the proper committee.

As a church, we stand greatly in need of more consecrated

~~Devers~~ to do the work that is lying out before our little Zion.

Thanking you for the honors you have conferred upon me, the sympathy and co-operation you have given me in the work, may Heaven's richest blessings rest upon you all.

J. A. McGARITY, Pres. Ga. Conf.

To the 76th Session of the Annual Conference of Ga. Dist. M. P. Church, in session at Jersey, Ga., Nov. 16th, 1905.

Dear Brethren: I have hoped to be with you in person on this occasion, but it is rendered physically impossible by my other duties and my own condition of health. My sense of candor compels me to bring to you a matter that my pastor will more fully explain at my request. Some several years ago a voluntary informal collection of committees belonging to three different churches radically different, and totally irreconcilable, held several meetings and made to their respective churches some recommendations which they styled a syllabus. To provide for a sort of probationary federation during which time advances, overtures, and active courtship even, might be carried on.

If honorable union could not be secured, dishonorable absorption of the smaller bodies might occur, or the result might be a unanimous stampede, greatly to the decimation and dishonor of the smaller churches without a particle of honor or decency to the larger one, as the experience of our church about forty years abundantly proves.

Our General Conference wisely refused to accept the plan of the syllabus. With respectful reference to the Christian Zeal and high motives of the voluntary committees, and with due deference to propositions for organic union coming from certain other denominations, our General Conference concluded that if organic union was honestly desired by any denomination, that denomination could come into the open and say so. It saw no necessity for ecclesiastical flirtation, nor insincere nor half-way proposition or action.

It, therefore, proposed to our Annual Conferences that each should elect a Commissioner, all of whom together should represent our church to receive and consider and offer propositions touching organic union, not federation nor temporary co-operation, when like Commissioners should be constituted by any other denomination and clothed with powers like unto our own, to discuss, formulate and report to their denominations terms of organic union. Notification from the heads of other denominations, of the constitution of such commissioners, should authorize the President of our General Conference to appoint a committee on arrangements which in co-operation with committee or committees from such denominations as desired to confer about organic union, should arrange time and place for meeting of said Conference.

The General Bodies of the other two denominations adopted the syllabus recommended by the voluntary committee and appointed their committees on arrangements whereupon the President of our General Conference, upon what notification I am unable to say, appointed a Committee on arrangements to represent us. They all met and fixed a time and place of meeting away up in Ohio very convenient to the populous territory of the other two denominations, and then very kindly obliged the pro-

spective conference by outlining all its duties and providing for it a most elaborate program: as if our Commissioners, even if meeting commissioners of like powers and dignity, would participate as mere parts of one General Conference constituted by fixed ratio of representation to mere membership, and submit to have our principles and rights voted away and sacrificed in a conglomerate body, participation in which was never contemplated by our General Conference.

Now at your last session you honored me by electing me your Commissioner. My duty is to act in conjunction with other Commissioners elected by our sister Annual Conferences, whenever conditions prescribed by our General Conference shall arise and not before.

I respectfully submit that no such conditions have arisen.

The other two churches having agreed upon the terms of a parley, can properly confer. But our General Conference, not having agreed upon any such terms, but on the contrary having repudiated them and substituted therefor other and better ones, our Commissioners have no authority to participate in that meeting, we knowing that the representatives of the other churches are not empowered to discuss organic union with us and we having no authority to discuss anything else.

We are authorized as ambassadors of our church to negotiate with like ambassadors for organic union and nothing else.

Knowing that no Commissioners from other churches will attend that meeting with like powers, it is useless for us to journey to Ohio to ask in vain for credentials which we know do not exist, and without which we cannot recognize alleged Commissioners.

Unless further enlightened as to facts not appearing in the records of any of the other denominations concerned, I shall as your Commissioner feel constrained to ignore that meeting. If you disagree with me you will render no offense to me by electing in my stead, while you now have opportunity, another Commissioner more nearly in accord with your views.

Fraternally yours,

W. C. ADAMSON.

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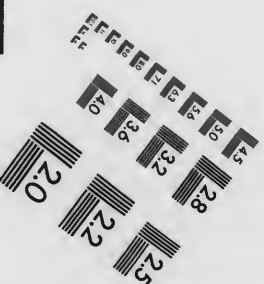
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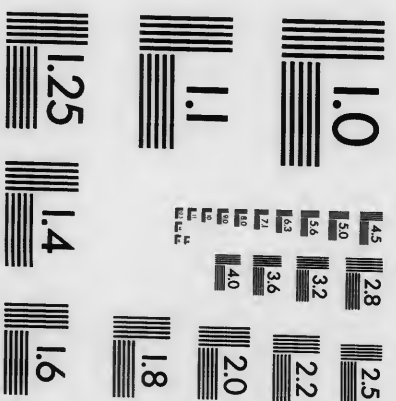


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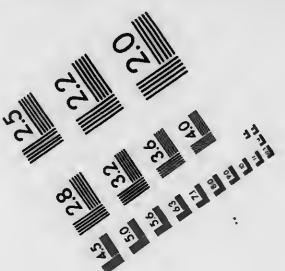
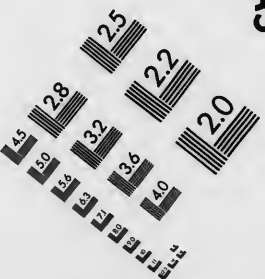
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